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1. 4 Border Guard Regiment - Timisoara. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] it is located in the
western part of the city. The commander is a colonel [redacted]
[redacted] The Commissar is Major Ianos. [redacted] 25X1
Timisoara.

2. Organization of Regiment. 3 Battalions - Numbers 1, 2 and 3.

2 Battalion is located in Jimbolia. [REDACTED] 25X1

Commander of 2 Battalion is Major Pop; Commissar is Captain Trandafirescu. In the command of 2 Battalion there is a lieutenant, Constantin Dobre, who is in charge of training. The headquarters of 2 Battalion are in the outskirts of the city of Jimbolia, towards Yugoslavia. The battalion has nine platoons. Two of the platoons are mounted border guards.

Platoon No. 1 - located in the village of Lunga.

Platoon No. 2 - located in the village of Comlosul-Mic.

Platoon No. 3 - located 1-1/2 kilometers west of Jimbolia, near the brick factory.

The locations of the other platoons are not known [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] there are some south of Jimbolia and east of the Yugoslav frontier.

Platoon No. 1 had no commander but it was rumored that he was expected. Commissar of Platoon No. 1 is Lieutenant Constantin Petrea; Supply Officer is Lieutenant Gheorghe Tufa. There were no regular army sub-officers in that platoon; only reservists. [REDACTED] 25X1

Platoon No. 1 has 6 squads. There are 4 squads of 17 soldiers each, totaling 68, and 2 squads of 16 soldiers each, totaling 32. Therefore, the platoon has a total of 100 men. All the men are housed in the building where the platoon command is located, in the village of Lunga.

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3. Armament of Platoon No. 1: One hundred ZB guns, 50 Soviet pistols, 10 automatic ZB guns, four ZB machine guns and 300 grenades. Each squad is equipped with 16 rifles, 8 automatic pistols, and 2 automatic guns. Four squads have a machine gun each.
4. Training of the Platoon: The platoon undergoes daily training. Two hours' training one day and one hour's training every other day. This training is divided into two shifts: the first for those men who were not on active duty; the second for those who returned from active duty. The training includes close order drills, formations of the squad and the platoon, frontier training, and training in tactics. Political instruction was given daily. On days when military training lasted two hours, the political instructions lasted one hour, and vice versa. The political instruction was also divided into two shifts. Subjects of political instruction, generally speaking, were like those at the Iugoj Training Center.
5. Salaries and Clothing of Border Guard Units: The officers' salaries in the Border Guard units vary according to their ranks. They receive between 1,200 and 1,800 lei per month. Regular army sub-officers receive 600 to 800 lei. Privates receive 10 lei; privates 1st class, 15 lei; corporals, 22 lei; sergeants, squad commanders, 30 lei; sub-officers in charge of tactic training, 60 lei.

Clothing: One winter and one summer uniform are issued each year. The men are also given two changes of underwear, two handkerchiefs, one pair of boots, one coat, one sweater, and two towels.

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